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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF USASATCOMA TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATIONS TO NICMSA

REF: USNATO 02756, DTG 161738Z MAR 78

1. THE SPECIFICATION FOR THE HARRIS A-J CONTROL MODEM
(SPEC SCA 2152-B) SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO NICMSA AT
THIS TIME.

2. THE ARMY IS PREPARING TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEER-
ING DEVELOPMENT MODELS (EDM) OF THIS A-J MODEM. THE EDM
WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF MAJOR CHANGES TO THE ADVANCE DEVELOP-
MENT MODEL AND ADDITIONAL CHANGES MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE
PRESENT SPECIFICATION AS A RESULT OF THE INTEROPERABILITY
DECISION OF JANUARY 1978.

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3. RELEASE TO NATO OF TECHNOLOGY/DESIGN INFORMATION ON
ANTI-JAM SATCOM MODEMS IS THROUGH THE SATELLITE COMMUNICA-
TIONS WORKING GROUP (SCWG). FOR EXAMPLE, THE US IS
INVOLVED IN THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON
THE AN/USC-28 AND THE OM-55 MODEMS IN THE SCWG.

4. BECAUSE OF EXPECTED CHANGES TO EDM, RELEASE OF

CURRENT SPECS COULD BE MISLEADING. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE RELEASE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE HARRIS MODEM IN THE SCWG UNTIL AFTER THE EDM MODELS HAVE BEEN FIELDED AND TESTED, APPROXIMATELY 18 TO 21 MONTHS AFTER AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

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